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BIZARRE CHAIN OF EVENTS

DAVID MCCONNELL: "The CIA turned its snooping mechanism toward one of its own officials and this produced a bizarre chain of events. CIA official Hans V. Tofte said a CIA man came snooping in his home in an area off limits, then took what he found back to the bosses at the CIA. The story is complicated by 20 to 30 thousand dollars in allegedly stolen jewelry, an 86 year old woman in a state of shock, and other events.

"WTOP Newsman Bill Diehl talked with the CIA man who got tattled on for supposedly leaving secret papers exposed to view in his home.

"Bill Diehl and Hans V. Tofte."

DIEHL: "Did you feel you had done anything wrong?"

TOFTE: "Not particularly."

DIEHL: "There were classified documents which were reportedly in your home."

TOFTE: "There were."

DIEHL: "You do not feel, though, that this was any violation of any regulations at all?"

TOFTE: "I wrote in my statements to the metropolitan police that this is customary among certain people who have certain responsibilities."

DIEHL: "Were they left out in the open as might have been implied in some stories?"

TOFTE: "Certainly not."

DIEHL: "Where were they kept? Could you tell me that?"

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TOFTE: "They were on the very top floor of my house in quarters that I use as a library, that nobody has access to normally."

DIEHL: "In other words, where you do your work?"

TOFTE: "They were wrapped up to be removed and brought back under the secure conditions where they should be kept."

DIEHL: "At this moment, how does your job stand? Do you still have it?"

TOFTE: "I still have my job."

DIEHL: "Have you talked to any CIA officials?"

TOFTE: "I have."

DIEHL: "What have they told you?"

TOFTE: "Not very much yet."

DIEHL: "Have you had any difficulty in talking to anyone?"

TOFTE: "I have had difficulty in reaching the people I wanted to reach, particularly my old friend, Dick Helms."

McCONNELL: "WTOP man Bill Diehl and CIA man Hans V. Tofte."